

REMARKS

At the outset, applicant would like to thank Examiner Witz for her time and consideration of the above-identified application during the brief telephone interview with the undersigned attorney. Indeed, applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the advice as how to address the rejoinder and enablement issues raised in the outstanding Official Action.

As a result, it is believed that the present application has been amended in a manner that places it in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

Claims 1, 3, and 5-34 are pending in the present application. Claim 17 has been amended to incorporate the recitations of claim 8. Claim 24 has been amended to incorporate the recitations of claim 35. Claims 26 and 30 have been amended to incorporate the recitations of claims 24 and 7, respectively. Claim 35 has been canceled.

At this time, applicant notes that claim 29 has been identified as "currently amended". Indeed, as noted on page 2 of the Office Action, claim 29 was acted on and is currently under consideration.

At this time, applicant respectfully notes that claims 17, 26, and 30-33 are currently considered withdrawn and directed to an invention non-elected with traverse in the response filed on July 26, 2004. However, as noted above, claim 17 has been amended to incorporate the recitations of allowed claim 8. Claim

26 has been amended to incorporate the recitations of claim 24. As claims 8 and 24 are currently under consideration, applicant respectfully requests that claims 17 and 26 be rejoined. As to claims 30-33, applicant notes that claims 30 and 33 are dependent on allowed claim 7. Claims 31 and 32 are dependent on claim 29. As claims 7 and 29 are also currently under consideration, applicant respectfully requests that claims 30-33 also be rejoined.

Claims 24-25, 27-28 and 34 were rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, for allegedly not satisfying the enablement requirement. Applicant believes the present amendment obviates this rejection.

Claim 24 has been amended to incorporate the recitations of allowed claim 35. Claim 35 was indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the recitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Thus, as claim 24 has been amended to incorporate the recitations of allowed claim 35, applicant believes that claim 24 has been amended in a manner to obviate this rejection. As claims 27-28 and 34 are dependent on claim 24, applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of these claims also be withdrawn.

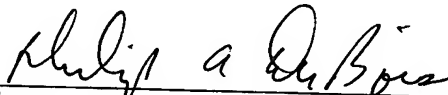
As to claim 25, claim 25 has been amended to incorporate the recitations of allowed claim 1. As a result, applicant believes that the present amendment obviates this rejection and requests that the rejection be withdrawn for claim 25.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing Remarks, therefore, applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action. Allowance and passage to issue on that basis are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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